

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

All of the pending claims 1 and 2 are set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (currently amended) or (previously presented). Please AMEND claim 1 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A home care system in which at least one center terminal and patient terminals are disconnectably connected to each other via a communication line through which communications of data including image data are performed,

wherein the patient terminals are provided with a room illumination light installed on the patient terminals ~~and for illuminating a room in which the patient terminals are disposed,~~  
independently from the patient terminals, and

wherein said center terminal is provided with a light turn-on operating means for turning on the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals.

2. (previously presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said patient terminals are provided with a light control means for controlling a light quantity and/or an illumination angle of the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals, and

wherein said center terminal is provided with a light control operation means for giving an instruction as to a control of a light quantity and/or an illumination angle of the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals.